



Change of command chiefs

Chief Master Sgt. Pamela Derrow, 377th Air Base Wing command chief master sergeant, receives the symbolic cell phone from Chief Master Sgt. Danny Holwerda, command chief master sergeant, 319th Air Refueling Wing, Grand Forks AFB, N.D. Chief Derrow is deployed as the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing command chief master sergeant, Kyrgyzstan. Ganci Air Base was named for New York City Fire Chief Peter J. Ganci Jr., who gave his life Sept. 11 protecting his men during the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

Courtesy photo

Kirtland AFB, enters 'extreme' fire danger category

The danger of fire on Kirtland AFB is rated "Extreme" by the U.S. Forest Service.

The following rules apply to the **REMOTE AREAS** of Kirtland AFB. Horseback riding, bicycle riding and hiking are forbidden in these areas.

Extreme fire conditions restrict fires, smoking and pyrotechnics.

Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed

recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter and free of all flammable material. When smoking in a vehicle, do not toss a lit cigarette out of the window-use your vehicle's ashtray.

Campfires, charcoal grills and stove fires are prohibited except in camp and picnic grounds where grills are provided. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed.

Use of pyrotechnics will be approved on a case-by-case basis to meet critical mission requirements. (Contact 377th Air Base Wing Weapons Safety, 853-0268 for guidance.)

"No Sweat Boulevard" (south part of Kirtland AFB, near the DOE Live Fire Range) is off limits to everyone, even if they are not using pyrotechnics. Suspend nonessential testing operations. (Contact 377 ABW/SEW at 853-0268 for guidance.)

No "Burn Site" testing that emits embers with sufficient thermal capacity to start a fire outside of the cleared facility area.

Welding operations are restricted to indoors or areas that have been shielded by partitions or welding drapes.

Check out the Web site: www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire/swainfo/firerestrictions/nm_3_west-central.html.

COMMAND CHIEF'S CHOICE

Tech. Sgt. Karen Baca

works for the New Mexico National Guard Public Affairs Office. She has been a person-nelist for 15 years with the N.M. Air National Guard, specializing in awards and decorations.



Tech. Sgt. Karen Baca

What do you like best about this assignment?

I love the excitement of being in a fast paced environment. In Public Affairs things happen fast and you have to be on your toes.

But, what I like most is how flexible my job is, that I can be activated to work and experience so many other jobs in the Air Force. Like working security for the Bosque Fires, the Albuquerque International Sunport and being a security forces augmentee for Kirtland AFB.

Having these different jobs makes me feel like I can contribute to serving my country in so many different ways.

What are your hobbies?

Playing the piano, running, decorating, shopping, fishing and hiking with my husband and kids.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

I see myself in a leadership position in some kind of job capacity where I can make a difference to young Airmen coming into the Air Force.

What is your main goal in life?

To live a healthy, honest, happy life. Be true to myself and never take things too seriously.

Web site designed to make moves easier

WASHINGTON—Relocating an Air Force family can be challenging. To ease the strain, Air Force officials recently launched “AF Move,” (afmove.hq.af.mil) a Web site designed to put as much moving-related information as possible only a mouse-click away.

While many units have local sites to help Air Force families in the moving process, this site aims to give people Air Force-level guidance.

“We want this site to become institutional, so that anyone in the Air Force, military or civilian, can go there to search out information,” said Randy Teske, Air Force personal property and passenger policy traffic management specialist.

The site links users to everything from making permanent-change-of-station moving arrangements to tracking a personally owned vehicle shipment.

“You can go into the carrier industry and trace your shipments,” said Jim McAllister, personal property and passenger policy division chief. “You can even go in and see local laws on certain items that may be restricted.”

Other links connect Air Force families to the claims offices at either end of their move.

The site’s usefulness does not end there. When people use it early in the PCS process, they can plan the move intelligently, Mr. McAllister said.

A N N O U N C I N G



COMING-SEPT. 18, 2004